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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 18 September 1992 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/47/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/47/100 and Add.1*).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/47/250), and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee, which will be issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/47/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

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Length of statements

4. In recent years, the Second Committee decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 10 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes. The Committee may wish to continue this practice.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, as in previous years, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. Subject to the availability of conference facilities, informal consultations (with interpretation facilities) on draft proposals before the Committee will be scheduled after the conclusion of the general discussion of the item in question. The first round of such meetings has been proposed for the last week in October.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documentation contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401, which states that a mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 4 December for the conclusion of its work.

ANNEX

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 28 September-2 October			
Friday, 2 October	a.m.	Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur Organization of work	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers in the general debate	
Week of 5-9 October			
Monday, 5 October	p.m.	General debate	
Tuesday, 6 October	a.m. and p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 7 October	p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Thursday, 8 October	a.m.	General debate (concluded)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 78 (Part I) (c), (d) and (e) and 90	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Friday, 9 October	a.m.	Item 78: a/ (Part I) Development and international economic cooperation: (c) New and renewable sources of energy (d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries (e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		Item 90: a/ Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (introductory statements and general discussion)	
	p.m.	Item 78: (Part I) (c), (d) and (e) Item 90 General discussion (concluded)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 12-16 October			
Monday, 12 October	a.m.	Item 84: International cooperation for economic growth and development: (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		Item 78: (Part II) Development and international economic development: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 78 - Note by the Secretary-General transmitting report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consideration by the Council of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (introductory statements and general discussion)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Monday, 12 October (continued)	p.m.	1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 78 (Part II) and 84 (a) and (b) Item 84: (a) and (b) Item 78: (Part II) General discussion (concluded) 6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 78 (Part III)	
Tuesday, 13 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 78: b/ (Part III) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 78 - Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 - Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa - Report of the Secretary-General on combating desertification and drought - Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on living marine resources 6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 78 (Part IV)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Wednesday, 14 October	p.m.	Item 78: b/ (Part IV) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 78 - Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries - Report of the Secretary-General on the unification of Yemen - Report of the Secretary-General on structural change in the world economy, energy use and the environment	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 89 and 105	6 p.m. - Items 78 (Part I) (c), (d) and (e) and 90
Thursday, 15 October	a.m.	Item 105: Programme planning (programmes 11-24, 30-34, 37 and 45)	
	p.m.	Item 89: Training and research: (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (b) United Nations University	
Friday, 16 October			6 p.m. - Items 78 (Part II) and 84 (a) and (b)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 19-23 October			
Monday, 19 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 83: c/ Operational activities for development: (a) Operational activities of the United Nations system (b) United Nations Development Programme (c) United Nations Population Fund (d) United Nations Children's Fund (e) World Food Programme (introductory statements and general discussion)	6 p.m. - Item 78 (Part III)
Tuesday, 20 October	a.m.	Item 83: General discussion (continued)	6 p.m. - Item 78 (Part IV)
Wednesday, 21 October		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 78 (Part V), 83 and 85	6 p.m. - Items 89 and 105
Thursday, 22 October	a.m.	Item 83: General discussion (concluded)	
	p.m.	Item 85: Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries	
		Item 78: (Part V) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 78 - Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Environment Programme	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 82	
Friday, 23 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 82: External debt crisis and development	
Week of 26-30 October			
Monday, 26 October	p.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Item 83
Tuesday, 27 October	p.m.	Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 28 October	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Items 78 (Part V) and 85
		6.p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 87 and 88	
Thursday, 29 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 87: d/ Special economic and disaster relief assistance: (a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (b) Special programmes of economic assistance	
		Item 88: d/ International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 141 and 144	6 p.m. - Item 82

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Friday, 30 October	a.m.	Item 141: Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan	
		Item 144: International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery	
Week of 2-6 November			
Monday, 2 November e/	p.m.	1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 79	
		Item 79: f/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (organizational arrangements for dealing with this item)	
		Item 81: International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Tuesday, 3 November g/	p.m.	1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 81	
		Item 81: General discussion (concluded)	6 p.m. - Items 87 and 88

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Wednesday, 4 November g/	p.m.	1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 80	
		Item 80: Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 86	6 p.m. - Items 141 and 144
Thursday, 5 November	a.m.	Item 86: International conference on the financing of development	
	p.m.	Informal consultations	
Friday, 6 November		Informal consultations	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 78 (Part VI) (a) and (b)	6 p.m. - Item 79
Week of 9-13 November			
Monday, 9 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 78: (Part VI) Development and international economic cooperation: (a) Trade and development (b) Food and agricultural development	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 12	6 p.m. - Item 81

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Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Tuesday, 10 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (introductory statements and general discussion)	6 p.m. - Item 80
Wednesday, 11 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 12: General discussion (concluded)	6 p.m. - Item 86
Thursday, 12 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Item 78 (Part VI) (a) and (b)
Friday, 13 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Item 12
Week of 16-20 November		Informal consultations	
Week of 23-27 November		Formal meetings will be scheduled as and when required	
Friday, 27 November		CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE	

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a/ It is proposed that the general discussion of items 78 and 90 be held concurrently.

b/ It is proposed that the general discussion of these reports be held concurrently.

c/ The General Assembly decided that the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 83.

d/ It is proposed that the general discussion of items 87 and 88 be held concurrently.

e/ The United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme is scheduled to be held on the morning of 2 November.

f/ The General Assembly decided that the debate on item 79 would be held directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on the item would be taken by the Second Committee.

g/ The United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities is scheduled to be held on the mornings of 3 and 4 November.